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REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 4-5, 8-11, 14-15, 18-21, 24-25, and 28-32 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuo (U.S. Patent No. 6,230,288) in view of Chen (U.S. Patent No. 5,960,170). Applicant respectfully disagrees with such rejections, especially in view of the amendments made hereinabove to each of the independent claims.

Specifically, applicant has amended each of the original independent claims to at least substantially include the subject matter of former dependent Claim 6 et al. The subject matter of Claim 6 has been deemed allowable by the Examiner if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has respectfully complied with this suggestion by incorporating the subject matter of Claim 6 et al. into each of the original independent claims.

Further, applicant has added independent Claims 36-38 which at least substantially include the subject matter of former dependent Claim 7 et al. The subject matter of Claim 7 has been deemed allowable by the Examiner if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has respectfully complied with this suggestion by entering Claims 36-38 which include the subject matter of Claim 7 et al. in addition to all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Thus, all of the independent claims are deemed allowable. Moreover, the remaining dependent claims are further deemed allowable, in view of their dependence on such independent claims.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The

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